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Didsbury Hospital to keep all its active services



By Nicole Smith

Didsburians can now breathe a heavy sigh of relief as a decision was made that the Didsbury Hospital will remain the same.

This announcement came down late Friday afternoon, when Health Authority 5 issued a press release concerning the hospital.

HA5 decided to leave emergency and acute care services as is at the hospital, after David Thompson Health Region announced they would be opening an additional 17 long-term care beds at the Olds Hospital.

According to DTHR, they couldn't wait around for HA5 to make their decision, so the board voted in favour of going ahead with the bed increase to help manage the demand for such care in the area.

A proposal was made last

November that HA5 would be closing down emergency and acute care services at the Didsbury Hospital and opening more long-term care beds.

In doing that, all emergency and acute care patients would be moved up to Olds and the Didsbury Hospital would then take long-term patients from the Olds area, as well as from Didsbury and its surrounding communities.

Because of the recent decision by DTHR, the health authority can no longer justify closing down two vital services at the Didsbury Hospital.

"I feel this announcement, together with the feedback we have received from the community, allows us to take a step back to develop a process with the communities of the region. This will help us to assess the health needs and to develop the health service de-

livery plan to meet those needs," said Terry Peterson, Chair of the HA5 board, in a press release last week.

"Twenty-four hour emergency services and 15 acute care beds in the Didsbury Hospital will remain. Our Board continues to have the responsibility to provide Quality Health Service Delivery throughout the region, and we will work diligently to meet that responsibility. We have appreciated our discussions with the David Thompson Health Region on how best to provide coordinated services to meet the health needs of the region," Peterson said.

The community feedback that Peterson refers to is an intensive letter-writing campaign that the people of Didsbury and area undertook. As well, a public meeting that was held last month brought

out over 1,200 area residents to support the Didsbury Hospital staying as is.

In the press release, HA5 states that the independent

consultant who was hired to conduct focus group meetings with various groups in the area will not be holding meetings now.

Town not to take part in Regional Fire Authority

By Nicole Smith

The Town has decided not to have a representative on the Regional Fire Authority.

At last Wednesday's regular meeting of the Didsbury Town Council, a motion was made by Councillor Gordon Quantz to not have a designated member on the authority.

"I move to not have a designated member on the Regional Fire Authority and that all future inquiries be directed to the Didsbury and District Fire Authority," Quantz moved.

The Regional Fire Authority was a proposal made by Mountain View County where the six

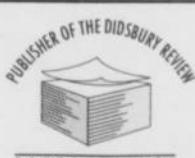
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RCMP Notes



Armed Robber nabbed

On Jan. 31, 2000 at approximately 0715 hours, a lone masked male entered Zimm's Minimart located in Sundre, and robbed a male employee at gun point. No shots were fired and no one was injured. Undisclosed amount of cash was stolen. Suspect left the store in a stolen vehicle, which was later abandoned at the southwest end of Sundre. A civilian observed the suspect close to the area and gave chase. Suspect pointed a firearm at him and continued his escape.

With the assistance of Red Deer dog section, the suspect was located hiding inside a residence in Sundre at approximately 1150 hours, and he was arrested without incident. George Hector "Thompson" (age: 20), of Sundre, Alberta has been charged with armed robbery, wearing a disguise while committing an offence, pointing a firearm (two counts), theft auto, and break and enter of a residence. He will be remanded into custody to appear in Didsbury provincial court on Feb. 2, 2000.

The Sundre RCMP are continuing their investigation.

In the courts ...

by Leah Payne

Man breaks window

Shane Charles Hendricks pled guilty to an August 14, 1999 incident.

Sundre RCMP were called to a residence after they received a call from the dweller of the residence.

Hendricks showed up at the house and demanded he be let in. When his girlfriend denied him entry he broke a back window and gained entry to the house by crawling through it.

He then argued with his girlfriend with whom he shares a child, bad mouthing her and refusing to leave.

Both the girls' roommates returned home, each asking him to leave, but he refused. Hendricks left approximately an hour later. His girlfriend then phoned RCMP.

Hendricks has since apologized to his former girlfriend, and paid for the broken window. The Hon. Judge Vandeven gave Hendricks a \$500 fine as well as a \$50 victim fine surcharge.

3 separate assaults

Glen Harry Horton was given a conditional sentence for three separate assault charges on his common law wife, Katherine Williams.

The three incidents which happened from Dec. of 1997 to June of 1998, Horton, while in an intoxicated state assaulted his common law wife.

The most severe of which involved Horton strangling Ms. Williams because he was angry with her for going out with friends and leaving her

child with her sister rather than himself.

Horton pushed Ms. Williams' sister, Michelle Williams, to the ground while she held his child.

Michelle then tried to phone police and Horton grabbed the receiver out of her hands and threw it at her.

Judge Vandeven ordered Horton to receive treatment for alcohol abuse, domestic violence and parenting.

He was also ordered to report to a probation officer regularly and perform 240 hours of community service over the next two years.

Health Statistical Supplement for 1998-99 Released

Key statistical data regarding the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) for the 1998-99 fiscal year was released today by Health and Wellness Minister Halvar Jonson in the AHCIP Statistical Supplement: 1998-99

The statistical supplement is produced annually by Alberta Health and Wellness to report on factors that affect the AHCIP, as well as major payments made by the plan. The AHCIP provides Albertans with medical coverage for physician and hospital services, and services of other health practitioners.

Highlights of the 1998-99 AHCIP Statistical Supplement include:

- 2,912,946 Albertans were covered by the AHCIP in 1998-99, an increase of 2.3% over 1997-98.

- 509,183 Albertans were fully exempt from paying health insurance premiums. Overall, 19.6% of the Alberta population paid reduced or no premiums.

- \$839.1 million was paid to physicians for basic health services, an increase of 74.2% from 1998-99.

- Average annual payment to physicians was \$188,820, an increase of 3.51% over last year.

- 217 physicians received under \$10,000 and 32 received over \$1 million in payments.

- Average annual payment to specialists was \$233,721, a 4.31% increase over last year.

- 120 specialists received over \$500,000 in payments, which represents 6.14% of specialists.

- At \$467,774, the average payment to cardiovascular and thoracic surgeons was higher than any other speciality.

- \$19,543,893 was spent on seniors' eye and dental care, an increase of 7.4% over 1997-98.

- Losec, an ulcer treatment drug, was the most prescribed drug under the Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Drug Coverage Plan, with 139,653 prescriptions and a net payment of \$13.6 million.

Copies of the 1998-99 AHCIP Statistical Supplement are available from the Communications Branch of Alberta Health at (780) 427-7164 or

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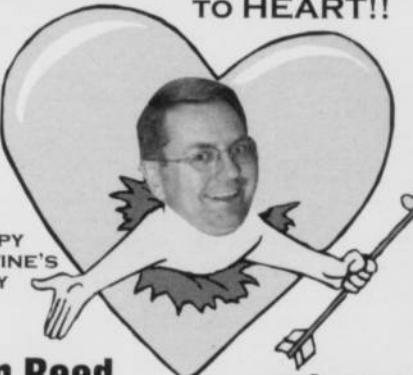
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Local councillor considering PC nomination



Gordon Quantz

By Nicole Smith

Town of Didsbury councillor Gordon Quantz is strongly considering a PC nomination in the next election.

Quantz says that he has been thinking about throwing his name in the ring for the last eight months or so, but espe-

cially since the whole issue of the future of the Didsbury Hospital.

Mayor Ray Lea is endorsing Quantz's consideration and says that if Quantz decides to go ahead with it, he will join the party and put Quantz's name forward for nomination.

"After going through the process of the hospital, I endorse Gordon Quantz as a candidate for the future MLA in the next election. I feel he would be an excellent candidate," said Lea.

Lea says that our area needs a strong representative from the area and the region at large and feels that Quantz would be a regional representative that would be fair and just.

"We feel that it's time to put another strong candidate forward from our community," said Lea.

Quantz has been a member of the Didsbury Town Council for over a year and a member of the PC party for that long.

No delegate from Town of Didsbury

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fire departments within the county would all operate under one emergency plan.

The county saw this as a benefit to the municipalities because it would standardize many aspects of fire fighting throughout the county, including training, equipment and communications.

According to some members of Didsbury Town Council, they never saw it as a benefit.

Councillor Gary Dolha feels that the county wasn't dealing with the issue fairly.

"Regionalization would mean an approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000 increase for us, but the county's portion didn't go up at all. That's not fair," he said.

Dolha was referring to the fees that each municipality would be responsible to pay to be part of a regionalized authority.

"The county is dealing with the issue of ambulance service fairly, but not fire service," Dolha said.

After the motion was made by Councillor Quantz, discussion centred around the Didsbury and District Fire Authority that was formed over a year ago.

"You have a fire authority," said Town CAO Evan Parliament. "It's active and it's running."

"This fire authority, I can quite honestly say, is starting to run like a clock."

Many members of council felt that because we do have a municipal fire authority, there is no need to be part of a regionalized authority as well.

"Let's put a stop to this," said Councillor Peter Versluis.

This decision cuts into plans that the county is currently working on.

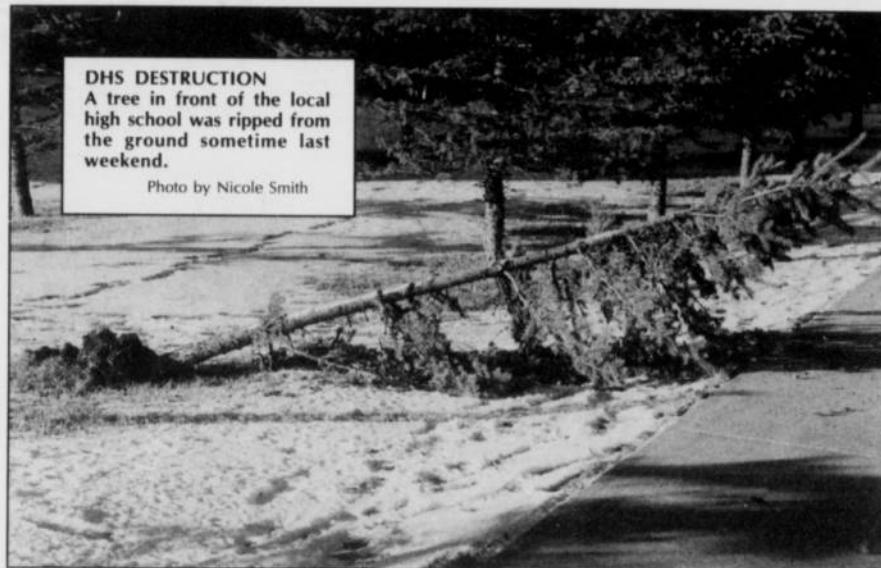
Recently, a sub-committee was formed concerning the regional authority to develop a plan of what regionalized fire services should look like in the county. The sub-committee is expected to report back to the main committee sometime this month.

Got a hot news tip? Call Nicole at the Didsbury Review at 335-3301.

DHS DESTRUCTION

A tree in front of the local high school was ripped from the ground sometime last weekend.

Photo by Nicole Smith



Locals pleased with HA5's decision to keep hospital as is

By Nicole Smith

Many Didsburians are in a celebratory mood since HA5's announcement that the Didsbury Hospital will remain as is.

The decision came after months of worry and panic for many local residents, who were concerned they might have to head to Olds for any type of emergency or acute care services.

Mayor Ray Lea is at the top of the happy list.

"I'm just ecstatic," said Lea. "I'm very glad it's over and it's very good news for our community."

Lea may be relieved with the recent decision by the health authority, but it doesn't mean he's going to stop fighting for the hospital's future.

"We have to keep working for the hospital as a community and we have to keep working with the HA5 board," he said.

Lea says that the Didsbury and District Hospital Advisory Board that was formed a few weeks ago will remain in place for the next little while.

"We're still working on our proposal and we are going to present it to the (HA5) board. It will be about changes we would like to see in the hospital and health care in the area," said

Lea.

"We're not going to quit right now."

Lea says a difference would never have been made without all the support received by the community.

"Thanks Didsbury and community for all your support, because that really did make a difference," he said.

Local MLA Richard Marz is equally pleased with the board's decision.

"I'm pleased to see the board had a sudden revelation the day after their meeting with the Minister (of Health)," said Marz.

Marz reflected a bit on his past with the HA5 board.

"I've been working with the board for three years," he said. "It's been a rocky time up and down."

All in all though, Marz is happy that the hospital will keep all its vital services.

"I'm pleased to see the process has come to a satisfactory conclusion," he said.

"I'm going to continue to work with the board, the community and Alberta Health to ensure quality affordable health is available."

Dr. Marc Puts, one of the more vocal of Didsbury's doctors, is happy to say that he and

wife Colette Vervaek will be remaining in the community.

"There's no way we're moving," he said. "All the doctors can now plan a future here."

Puts is equating this recent decision with a late Christmas present for the community of Didsbury and area.

"It's a nice Christmas gift," he said.

"That's what I call it. It's a late one, but still great."

Puts says that he is feeling happy, but still a bit cautious.

"I'm cautious because I don't know what tomorrow's going to be," he said.

"But still, it's great. Really great. This community has found a way to be listened to on a different level."

Puts is in agreement with Mayor Lea about continuing to work with the HA5 board to make improvements to Didsbury's health care.

"Now we can try and work hand in hand with the board."

Puts doesn't know why the board changed their minds so quickly, but is happy all the same.

"I don't know what made them change their minds so quickly, because they had a plan in place," he said.

"But it's still great news."

New legislation makes riding in truck box illegal

By Nicole Smith

Fasten your seatbelts!

A new piece of legislation has been passed that now makes riding in the box of a pickup truck illegal.

Effective Feb. 1, 2000, the Highway Traffic Act has been amended, so that anyone caught riding in the box of a moving truck will be issued a fine of \$57.

This change has been a long time coming and is a result of growing public concern about this dangerous activity.

Sergeant Ron Platz, of the Didsbury RCMP detachment, says that this activity causes many accidents throughout the year in our area.

He says that a lot of younger people see it as a means of transporting a larger group of people, and is pleased that the law has finally been amended.

"We really support this change," Platz said.

"We believe the public does too."

There are exemptions to this

ban for people whose livelihood involves riding in the back of a truck. This includes firefighters, construction workers and farmers.

This change spawns from the Rules of the Road Discussion Paper where, of the more than 800 Albertans who responded to the paper, 82% were in favour of amending the legislation.

When the Traffic Safety Act is proclaimed in 2001, the ban will move into the regulations under the new Act.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

A quick change



Nicole
SMITH

It's a time for celebration for the people of Didsbury and area!

After months of panic and worry, letter writing and voicing opinions, the health authority has finally seen the light.

The decision came down from the authority last Friday afternoon in the form of a press release.

According to Terry Peterson, Chair of the HA5 board, this decision was made because of the opening of 17 long-term care beds

at the Olds Hospital.

Apparently David Thompson Health Region got tired of waiting around for HA5 to make a decision and finally went ahead with plans to add more long-term beds in Olds.

As we all know, the plan was to swap emergency and acute care services in Didsbury, for more long-term care patients from Olds. An idea that never sat well with any of us.

The way I see it is that this is really a pat on the back for the hundreds and hundreds of Didsbury and area residents who got behind the future of the hospital and were prepared to fight until the very end.

You see, if you hadn't raised such a stink about the issue, a decision probably would have been made without any community input.

I think it was all the well-thought letters and phone calls that made the authority step back and wonder if they were making a good choice.

Sure, they can say it was due to the opening of the beds in Olds. The thing is, DTHR wasn't prepared to wait around while the authority made their decision, and the reason it took HA5 so long to decide was because of all the community input they were receiving.

So, in my mind, it all comes down to our community and those surrounding it, having the power and the concern to speak up for what they felt was unjust. Cudos to you for that.

I also think that the Town of Didsbury had a lot to do with this change of heart.

An advisory board was formed through the Town and many plans were being made to present a in-depth proposal for the Didsbury Hospital to the HA5 board. It was this unified thinking of many members of our society that really helped in the end. They were able to voice the concerns that many of us felt to the board.

Also, I don't think that the advisory board having George Cuff on hand if his services were needed hurt any either. We all know what he's capable of.

Along with the Town, many other local municipalities deserve key credit in this whole issue. If Carstairs, Cremona, Crossfield and Water Valley hadn't gotten behind us on this matter, I'm not sure the results would be the same. More people equals more power and that's exactly what we needed to come up with an acceptable solution to the problem.

So, we're all joyous and celebrating because the authority has had a change of heart. I can't help but be a little suspicious. It's in my nature.

I wonder why the decision was made when it was. Sure, the opening of the beds in Olds helped out, but the decision also came the day after the board had a meeting with Minister of Health Halvar Jonson. Just something for you to chew on.

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MacAuley Memo: Ole's got to go

I believe that evidence overwhelming suggests that the Commissioner of Correctional Services Canada has directly challenged the authority of the Solicitor General. Ole Ingstrup should either resign or be fired.

On December 15, 1999, during Question Period, I challenged the Solicitor General to either confirm or deny that the contents of a leaked report on security was being contemplated by CSC. The Solicitor General responded that "there is absolutely nothing to indicate that any of this report would ever be put in place by Correctional Services Canada."

According to a memo from the Commissioner dated January 11, 2000 to his staff, he emphatically stated that "in fact this draft report (on security) will be considered at the February meeting of the Executive Management Committee. Until then it remains a draft and its recommendations have neither

been approved nor rejected."

Obviously the Commissioner has openly contradicted the Solicitor General. This is not the first instance when the Commissioner has demonstrated such a blatant disregard for the position of Solicitor General. This fact coupled with all the dozens of examples of the Commissioner's questionable judgement, regarding the tens of thousands of dollars wasted on international travel, private planes, boat cruises on coast guard vessels, clearly indicates it is time for him to go.

Prison guards from across this country have informed me that the Commissioner, a long

time ago, signed a Mission Statement, which calls for openness, integrity and accountability," said the Solicitor General Critic. "Factors show he has defined his own Mission Statement and is operating under deceit, lies and flawed judgement. Also according to his guards, "Ingstrup maintains his kingdom by slapping a gag order on anyone who would criticize him and promotes that bootlickers who would do or say almost anything in his defence, in return for the mere promise of a chance to get to the top."

Ole Ingstrup has been fooling Solicitor Generals for the past 10 years. Lawrence MacAuley, it is time to wake up, see the manipulation and fire Ole Ingstrup.

Wonderings of the heart

"Yes, I love you."

By Margaret Fradley

Valentine's is always kind of a special day - a time to send a card or flowers to let someone know we care.

Valentine's is a time when it seems to 'free people up' to say "I love you", even when at other times it is difficult.

When our son was very young, he found a rugged looking rock which was shaped somewhat like a heart.

He then went out and found what he felt were exceptionally pretty smaller stones, which he gathered up and glued them on to the larger rock. It was unique and was "Mother's Valentine."

This thought meant a great deal to me and over the years it has been and still is sitting on my dresser.

Each time I take time to look at it, it still represents love to me, and seems to say, "I love you," from the heart of a little boy.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Why do westerners not vote Liberal? \$1.4 billion reasons why

This is how your tax dollars were wasted from September 1999 to February 2000:

1. \$3.6 million spent on a glitzy tunnel to the Senate on Parliament Hill.

2. \$15,000 for an exhibit of mutilated rabbits.

3. \$500,000 for the Governor General's swearing in ceremony.

4. \$500,000 for One-Stop Information Centres to promote federal government programs.

5. \$10,000 for a literary discussion in British Columbia with John Robin Sharpe, the man at the centre of the child pornography controversy.

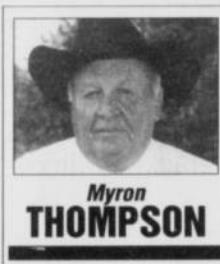
6. \$47 million for Revenue Canada to turn itself into a Super Tax Agency.

7. \$1.4 million for the celebration of the opening of the New Canada Customs Revenue Agency.

8. \$60,000 spent on a challenger jet to pick up the Governor General from Edmonton, while a Dash 8 was already at the airport and prepared to fly her back to Ottawa.

9. \$1.3 million of the APEC inquiry (to date).

10. \$14 million for enhanced compliance for the GST.



**Myron
THOMPSON**

11. \$108 million spent on the Transitional Jobs Fund.

12. \$35 million more spent on gun control.

13. \$1.6 million to hear Pay Equity complaints. This is on top of the \$3.6 billion decision to pay the settlement handed down in October 1999.

14. \$47 million wasted on the Publication Assistance Program, this is the same program that published the Dumb Blonde Joke Book.

15. \$1.8 million on the National Arts Training, which includes the National Circus School.

16. \$40 million to fix up Sparks Street in downtown Ottawa.

17. \$270,000 on a 125th Birthday party for the Supreme Court of Canada.

18. \$10 million for government propaganda telephone and internet sites.

19. \$26 million for the "Climate Change Action Fund" and Kyoto.

20. \$19 million to the Infrastructure project in Ontario.

21. \$5.2 million dollars

spent on Infrastructure projects in Western Canada.

22. \$50,000 for the Speaker of the House of Commons' New Year's Eve party.

23. \$1 million to move Health Canada's 500 member monkey colony into new ultramodern homes.

24. \$1 billion wasted by the Human Resources Department due to the major mismanagement of the grants and contributions program.

25. \$58,224 for a new image & logo for the Natural Science & Engineering Research Council.

26. \$300,000 on advertising by the Royal Mint for the new Nunavut toonie.

27. \$7,500 spent by Canadian Heritage on a book of incantations.

28. \$304,000 for stolen computer equipment from Industry Canada.

29. \$208,531 for stolen computer equipment from Human Resources Canada.

30. \$121,583 for stolen computer equipment from National Revenue.

31. \$111,921 for stolen computer equipment from National Defence.

32. \$216,184 for stolen computer equipment from Fisheries and Oceans.

33. \$100 million to the banks to forgive bad student loans.

34. \$14,000 for federal prisoners in Quebec to eat filet mignon on New Year's Eve.

The end of an era

From the Canadian Taxpayer's Association

Every year premier Ralph Klein takes to the airwaves to give his "State of the Province" address.

In one way this year's address was like all those that came before -- there was a great hullabaloo over the tens of thousands the premier spent to give himself a taxpayer TV soapbox. But that's where the similarities between previous speeches and this year's statement ends. Recent months have marked a radical departure from the Klein agenda of old, and this year's "State of the Province" speech seems to confirm that the revolution is now officially dead.

So what was it, exactly, that the premier said or didn't say to indicate that he's given up on taxpayers and fiscal conservatism?

Well, to begin with, the premier promised more spending. Increased spending is and of itself is not necessarily a bad thing. But when you start spending more than you're making you know fiscal prudence has gone out the window. Over the last five years program expenditures have grown by almost 30% compared to revenue growth at around 18%. This kind of behaviour that, sooner or later, produces deficits.

Now Premier Klein wants to spend another \$1 billion on health and another \$750 million on education - 20% and 18% increase respectively. That's way ahead of Alberta's population and inflation growth. More importantly, these massive spending increases have wiped out the possibility of meaningful tax cuts. This year's "State of the Province" address contained no pledge or promise of any new tax relief. Instead of spending another \$1.75 billion, the premier could have used that money to hand every individual taxpayer in the province a \$1,250 tax rebate.

The best the provincial government could do, however, was to reduce property taxes by \$46.7 million. So Albertans can count on a whole dollar in tax relief for every \$37 in new spending. Jean Chretien would be proud. And the government's desire to put spending before tax cuts doesn't end there. Oh no. Somehow Mr. Klein has managed to find yet another \$500 million (perhaps rising to as much as \$1 billion) for a new "Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research (AHFSER)", even though he can't provide us with more than a couple of nickels in tax cuts.

The AHFSER sounds innocuous enough but like many funding projects it is meant to subsidize the already ongoing research activities of private companies. A research foundation may not look like a special tax credit or a direct business subsidy but it accomplishes the same thing. So there you have it -- the Klein Tories are back in the business of being in business.

How Mr. Klein's "State of the Province" speeches have come to this is anybody's guess. Perhaps Mr. Klein was never really a fiscal conservative at all. Perhaps he's simply tired of fighting all the special interest groups that perpetually demand more money. Perhaps his cabinet is getting a little too comfortable with power. Whatever the reasons, it's time for Mr. Klein to return to the policies that got him elected in the first place and re-establish a taxpayer-friendly agenda.



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- NLS - train to be a lifeguard Thursdays, February 17 - April 20 6 - 10 p.m. Cost \$200 - registration deadline February 10
- LSI - instructor training for Lifesaving Society Courses Friday, Saturday, Sunday March 24, 25, 26 6 - 10 p.m. Friday; 8 - 5 Saturday & Sunday Cost \$130
- WSI/Aqualeader - instructor training for Red Cross swimming lessons Monday, April 24 - Friday, April 28 8 - 5 daily Cost \$275 - registration deadline April 17

Watch for Bronze Medallion & Bronze Cross courses coming soon!

New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

DP 04-00	1804 - 20 Street	Garage	C1
DP 06-00	301 Southridge Place	Breezeway	R2
	1301 - 20 Street	Change of Use	I3

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on February 23, 2000.

Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

Recreation & Facility Services is hiring Lifeguard, Instructor and Customer Service positions

Please apply in writing to:

Rhonda Hunter,
Manager, Recreation & Facility Services
Box 790, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0

Applications will be accepted until positions are filled!

FROM THE MAILBAG

Notes from Nigeria

Dan and Janet Snyder are Didsburians who are missionaries in Nigeria.

They are working at a school in Jos, Nigeria for the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada, and Dan is teaching Math and English, while Janet runs the library for the whole school.

Both have been in the country periodically doing the mission work since the late 70s. The couple met while working in Nigeria and married in December 1995.

Their latest excursion set out on May 15 last year and they will return to Didsbury in May of 2000 for a three month furlough.

They will then return to Nigeria and will remain there until 2006. The Snyders send weekly letters to their family telling about their day to day experiences, and we at the Review believe it will be of interest to our readers.



Dear friends,

The cold has found us. It is not all that cold compared to snow in Canada and parts of the US. It seems quite cold to us though when it is in the low 50s or upper 40s (F) and the wind is blowing.

There, when it is cold, you turn on the heat; here we shiver.

Most of us came to Africa thinking of deserts and humid rainforest, and did not bring warm clothes. So we just add layers.

One of the teachers was counting layers the other day. Who had the most sweaters and sweatshirts on? At break times groups of students and staff will stand in the sun just trying to warm up before the next class.

Friday night was Talent night. There are some that would question the "talent" involved. Amateur night might be a better name. Some of the students did a great job while others needed to work on the presentations a bit.

The talent ranged all the way from yo-yo tricks, and silly skits to a violin solo and a Blues group imitating Louie Armstrong. Several students sang solos or duets. The thing we appreciate is the way the students support each other. There were mistakes, glitches, times when they had to start over, but all got rousing rounds of applause when they finished.

Our new music teacher arrived this week. Since class schedules have already been made and we have been in school for several weeks she will only have one band class. The rest of her time this semester will be spent giving private lessons and helping with the music for the school musical. It is nice to have her here.

There are many students that would like to learn how to play an instrument or who have already started learning and need help and encouragement to continue.

Maybe next year's talent night will have more instrumental music.

This morning was the annual 8th grade pancake breakfast. The class sponsor was quite nervous about how it would all turn out. This was her first time to help the class with the breakfast and she was afraid she would forget something essential.

We got there after it had been going on for an hour and everything seemed to be working smoothly.

The pancakes were good and all the students seemed to be doing their jobs.

As with many events at the school (or in churches) the same parents seem to be the ones willing to help out. We are very grateful for the help of the many parents who again and again help out so that events like this can be a success. There was plenty of good food and good fellowship.

In Christ,
Dan and Janet Snyder

Are the grassroots people being torn out by their roots?

Dear Editor,

When David Rutherford (Q.R. 77 Radio, Calgary) discussed with Preston Manning January 31, 2000 approximately 11:17 a.m. the comment by Jean Chretien on the name of the proposed new party that it spells C.C.R.A.P. - Canadian Conservative Reform Alliance Party, Preston said that the name has to be approved by Elections Canada.

Preston stated "it will undoubtedly be called the Canadian Alliance Party."

The name will assuredly after the referendum be registered as the "Canadian Alliance Party".

Why will this be done? We appease the conservative and reform sides by saying we are keeping part of their name so that it will encourage people to vote in favour of this new entity in the March referendum.

All those people who spent their hard-earned dollars and time to go to Ottawa to have a

say in issues as the name change may have to come to realize their voices may have fallen on deaf ears. Is grassroots involvement being torn up by the roots? Time will tell.

For those who really want to see a leadership change, a "no" vote in the March referendum guarantees it, unless Preston Manning is not a man of his own word.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Eileen Walker,
Strathmore, Alberta

Reduced access for Albertans

Dear Editor,

Although announced increases in funding are welcomed, the real question is whether this money will be used to improve rural Alberta's access to affordable health care. All that is clear is the Premier's continuing promotion of for-profit health clinics. Dependence on for-profit clinics, however, threatens rural Alberta's access to affordable health care because it will result in more closures of rural hospitals and hospital beds.

Making medicine into business lets market forces dictate not only what services are offered but where these services are located. This will mean Calgary and Edmonton and to a lesser extent other small urban centres. These cities offer for-

profit clinics, the greatest client base and access to investment capital. With doctors simply "folowing the money", rural Albertans will find it ever more difficult to attract and keep doctors.

The government's claim that for-profit clinics reduce waiting lines and save money is not true. The Consumers Association of Canada found that Calgary, with 100% of its cataract surgery contracted out to for-profit clinics, actually has the longest waiting lists and the highest costs.

For-profit eye clinics, moreover, use hard sell tactics on their mostly elderly clientele. These patients pay up to another \$750 for questionable improvements in treatment - questionable, because there is no

agreement among medical practitioners on these 'improvements'. The government's proposal of for-profit health care will make these questionable practices widespread throughout Alberta.

Now we do not have to worry whether doctors' diagnosis is based on what we need or what a private clinic needs to turn a profit. This will change if profits are allowed to dictate who gets care and when. Sickness is not a business, like groceries and cars. Together we can stop for-profit health care. Call the Premier and your MLA at 310-0000.

Sincerely,
Terry Mutton,
President of CUPE Alberta

Tory Titanic starting to sink

Dear Editor,

Current biases aside, the Klein government certainly has a different view of Albertans than most of us have of ourselves. The government's view of Joe and Jane Alberta seems to be on par with a mangy mongrel whose only disposition is that of deepest gratitude as his overlord casually flips some small morsel his way while the "master" dines at the table of plenty. Our current budget demonstrates a table of plenty, yet taxpayers are anything but comfortable.

Several items came to light this week, causing another sigh of disgust and despair among Albertans.

I speak of the recent disclosure by Halvar Jonson, that patients will be up-charge in the new Klein private health care regime for "luxury" titanium hip replacements, the kind given cabinet minister Clint Dunford just last year as a "standard" surgical service. Now, even worse, the Klein government informs us that these luxury items will no longer be available in public

facilities either, unless patients pay for the upgrade.

I speak of the recent revelation that the current surplus has nothing to do with increases in oil revenues, but everything to do with a \$1.8 billion increase in individual income taxes over the past four years. Our huge \$3 billion surplus is made up on the backs of taxpayers, not increasing oil prices. Oil revenues have actually decreased by \$286 billion over four years. Just ask the Alberta Treasury Department.

I speak of the shell game being played with provincial tax cuts. Now you see it, now you don't. This widely proclaimed tax cut slowly degenerated from a direct rebate to taxpayers, to lower fuel taxes, to cuts in health care premiums, to the current decision: don't hit taxpayers with as high a property tax increase as previously planned. So much for lightening the load.

I speak of the casual dismissal of a new and rapidly growing political party with the quip by a prominent cabinet minister who bet anyone

that the Alberta First Party candidates "would lose their deposits in every riding they choose to contest in the next election." Well quip away.

MLA Ron Heirath made a similar mistake in predicting to the press that the Alberta First Party was not capable of even collecting the 6,000 signatures necessary to register a political party. He was wrong.

Alberta First is prepared to make that bet, if the cabinet minister has the intestinal fortitude to reveal himself. In fact, it would be interesting if the "prominent cabinet minister" did reveal himself, so AFP could run a candidate in his area and collect the bet at the direct expense and defeat of the "prominent member."

Albertans are growing weary of PC arrogance.

Just keep pushing us Klein. Although, as Albertans, we are overly tolerant and patient, there does come a breaking point.

Sincerely,
G. Wesley Quinton,
Executive Director of Alberta First Party

FROM THE MAILBAG

Didsbury District made up of heroes

Dear Editor

You, the people of the Didsbury District are the heroes in saving our Acute and Emergency care. The evidence of your support was undeniable. The work of our Richard Marz, our Board members, our doctors and Didsbury and other municipalities was supported by countless hours of people who worked so hard doing whatever they were asked and finding ways to serve. Each of you deserve to be recognized, but there are so many like George McDonald Agencies and Aurora Travel and the others who faxed and mailed at their own cost, Verla Sherick, and Stan Bell and all of you who tirelessly wrote letters and encouraged others - the paper wouldn't hold you all.

I urge you to be vigilant, however. More study of needs is planned. We must be sure that RHA5 follows their stated principle #5 "Residents of the communities in the region will be encouraged to actively participate in health services planning" and their value "people have a right to equal access to health services." Remember that RHA5 chief of staff said that getting lots of doctors was the secret in Drumheller. "One for every 900 to 1200 people," he said.

Hospital	1991 pop/	Basic Care Beds '95/	Drs '95/	'96 pop/	Beds '99/	Priv. Drs '99
Didsbury	10,568	24	6	11,020	15	5*
Drumheller	11,299	53	13	11,390	47	13
Hanna	6,030	25	4	5,690	18	4
Strathmore	10,492	24	7	15,320	20	12**
Three Hills	6,167	25	7	7,050	20	6

* With privileges at Dec, 1999 including our 2 new doctors. All info from RHA5 or AB.

** With Siksika Nation added July '96 to Strathmore.

The 1992 Tri-Hospital Study or Down Report was flawed in a number of ways. It took a county perspective, selectively omitting the existence of the active hospital in Innisfail when calculating distance to nearest hospitals from Olds and other hospitals. It also stated the size of hospital district to nearest hospitals from Olds and other hospitals. It also stated the size of hospital district populations in 1991, Didsbury 10,267; Olds 8,649; Sundre 5,203 but did not use the obvious conclusion.

The Broda Report says: open more Long Term Care Beds and use some Acute Care Beds temporarily for Long Term Care patients when needed. There is no indication in it that would indicate that Didsbury should be exclusively Long Term Care, but rather that our closed 20 Long Term Care Beds should be opened.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Moore

Making a difference

Dear Editor,

My name is Jacquie Northcott. I am 15 years old and am a member of a group called Youth Making A Difference (YMAD). As a group, we have been collecting signatures for a petition against child pornography. Being a Canadian is the only requirement for signing the petition, we encourage anyone 12 and up to sign. Our goal is to collect one million signatures nationally, to prove to the Canadian government that the citizens of Canada are against the legalized possession of child pornography. This will hopefully help to reverse the legalization in B.C. and encourage other provinces to keep child pornography a crime. If the law doesn't protect children who will?

I am writing this letter to challenge your town or city to take a stand and help us! We are challenging every community across the country, during the month of November, to collect one-half of their population in signatures. Encourage local businesses, community centres, churches, schools and youth groups to get involved. Have a community blitz day. We know

that every community is able to do its part. Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan, a town of approximately 1,900 people collected almost 1,300 signatures. If they can do it, so can the rest of us. By helping us collect signatures you are helping protect children.

November is a month to remember our freedoms, and those who fought for them. If child pornography becomes legal in Canada then the freedoms our parents and grandparents fought for would be thrown away. We must continue to fight to protect the children and their rights and freedoms. Children are the future. If we allow them to be abused in this fashion, and believe that it is okay, then what kind of future will this country have?

I hope that you accept this challenge and help protect Canada's future.

We have already collected 12,000 signatures, but it is not enough. We need everyone's help. Please call us, or fax us at (204) 896-YMAD or email us at ymad@home.com.

Sincerely,
Jacquie Northcott
Winnipeg, MB

Spilt milk turning too sour

Dear Editor,

Asked to "move forward rather than dwell on spilt milk", the answer must be no!

No accountability for the pouring out of a billion dollars just doesn't wash.

The current Minister wasn't there, the former Minister isn't

there, the head ministry bureaucrat is now the country's head bureaucrat and those who were in charge, rewarded with performance bonuses, are occupied finding a better way to do what they did improperly.

The "spilt milk" is turning too sour to "move forward"

without payment at all.

And it must be more than just the current Minister resigning and lack of accountability continuing.

Sincerely,
Joe Hueglin,
Niagara Falls,
Ontario

Ottawa must restore funding

The federal government has repeatedly criticized, in recent years, provincial cuts and restructuring of health and social programs, suggesting only the federal government can be trusted to protect these programs.

What Ottawa neglects to mention, however, is that while it has been criticizing the provinces, it has gone ahead and cut billions of dollars in transfer payments to the provinces that help pay for these programs.

In fact, Ottawa will have cut \$35 billion from health, post-secondary education, and social services by 2003-04.

In Canada, provinces are responsible for providing these services, and rely on federal transfer payments to help pay for them. Federal cuts to the Canada Health and Social

Transfer (CHST) make it harder for provinces to fulfill their social responsibilities.

It also points out a fundamental problem in funding social programs - the money is in Ottawa but the growing responsibilities and costs are with the provinces.

Here's an overview of the funding facts:

- Federal transfer payments to Alberta to support core social programs have fallen by almost 30% since 1995.

- By 2003-04, Ottawa will have cut \$35 billion from the CHST in less than 10 years.

- As a result, more provincial money has been put into health and social programs, in fact, funding for health care has increased almost 50% over the last 10 years in Alberta.

- All of this comes as the federal government estimates a \$100 billion budgetary surplus

in the next five years.

Right now, for every dollar spent on health care in Alberta, Ottawa chips in less than 13 cents while Alberta pays more than 87 cents.

In early February, Premier Klein is meeting with other Canadian Premiers to discuss this issue.

He will ask his colleagues to send a united message to Ottawa: At a minimum, Ottawa must restore CHST funding to the level it was at in 1994, before the federal government started making cuts.

And funding to the CHST must keep pace with future cost increases.

In the longer term, we need to consider new ways to address the fiscal imbalance that exists between growing provincial responsibilities and expanding federal government surpluses.

And, as the existing health care system is increasingly under funding pressure, new thinking and innovative solutions are required to create the best system possible for the long run.



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New truck by-law granted third and final reading

... and other town council notes

By Nicole Smith

By-law blues

By-law 99-17, Didsbury's new truck by-law, received third and final reading last Wednesday night, but not without a bit of controversy.

A few months ago, this new by-law was first brought to the table. The by-law concerns many different parking violations and the fines that go along with them.

One of the violations, which deals with parking commercial vehicles and trailers in residential areas of town, is not being well-accepted with a few members of the community.

In order to make trucking companies and related business aware of the new legislation that was to be put into effect, Didsbury's Community Constable Greg Hnatiuk sent out 23 letters to businesses in the community that would be effected by the new by-law.

Three letters were received back from business people who felt the new by-law was unfair. They said that many truckers are only home once or twice a month and didn't see why they couldn't park their trucks near their homes.

"We did a survey," said Robert Wigg, Planning and Development Officer for the Town. "There is not one single township in our area that allows trucks in a residential area."

Councillor Cheryl Dahl was concerned that the truckers weren't aware that there were other places the trucks could be parked and plugged in when it gets cold.

"Greg has done more than normal to make sure people are aware of this bylaw," said Wigg.

There was also concern expressed in the letters that the owners of the truck wouldn't be able to bring them home for maintenance purposes.

Wigg reported that 24-hour permits will be issued so that the trucks can be taken home to be maintained on the owner's property, but not on the street.

"The bylaw, as it stands, is good. Hopefully, Greg can have some flexibility with it," said Wigg.

"But, other by-laws in town are not going to be waived because of this one."

Boost to budget

The issue of the Didsbury hospital is keeping everyone on their toes, especially Mayor Ray Lea.

According to Town CAO Evan Parliament, Lea has been putting in a lot of extra hours and feels that he needs to be

paid for it.

Council approved a transfer of funding to what they call a Public Relations Budget, that can be drawn on in the case of major overtime on the mayor's part. \$5,000 has been allocated to this budget.

"There have been a lot of demands on Ray," said Parliament. "Honestly, I can tell you."

Lea is pleased that the dollars will be there in the event that he does need to draw on it.

"I won't abuse it. Honest," said Lea.

Board is in motion

An update was given on the recent formation of the Didsbury Hospital Advisory Board.

Since its inception a few weeks ago the board, made up of key figures in Didsbury and surrounding communities, has sent a letter to Minister of

Health Health
H. A. L. V. A. R.
Jonson requesting an arbitrator into the matter of the hospital's future.

Also, the board sent a letter to H.A.S. to cease any changes

that they are making to day-to-day operations at our hospital.

Lea, the chair of the advisory board, also informed council that George Cuff is ready to help if he is needed by the board to investigate the matter.

Recycling renewal

Council endorsed the renewal of their agreement with the Lions Recycling Centre at last week's meeting.

After the Lions requested the Town cover the \$100 costs each month for propane fuel for the forklift and strapping material for the bales, Councillor Gary Dolha felt some concern as to how much the Town was paying each month to operate the centre.

"What is the true cost of operating the recycling centre?" asked Dolha.

A motion was made to request a budgetary breakdown of items that were listed on the contract that were Town costs.

"This will just be an opportunity for us to tell our taxpayers, this is what we're doing and this is where the money is going," said Dolha.

Youth Outreach endorsed

The youth situation in Didsbury has been quite a concern for the Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB).

Because of this, a contract has been signed between the Town and Edo Deweert, who will be providing an assessment of youths in and around Didsbury as part of a Didsbury

Community Outreach Project.

Deweert's mandate is to find out the needs and wants of youth in Didsbury: what they do now and what they would like to do in the future.

From there, Deweert is to

make recommendations to CSAB and council about what the community can do to effectively provide for our youth - whether it be a community project or something of a larger scale.

Deweert will be meeting with many groups in the community to gather his information.

The contract Deweert has with the Town is from Dec. 30, 1999 to June 30, 2000.

*Be one of the
blessed few ...
Become
a volunteer!
Get involved in
your community.*

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF DIDSBURY

AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 98-08



Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Didsbury has passed first reading of By-laws to amend the present Municipal Development Plan 98-08 as follows:

1) The parcel of land described as SE 1/4-19-31-1 W5M be amended to accommodate C1 (Commercial) within residential districts R1 (Low Density Residential) and R2 (General Residential) as per the attached map.

A public hearing prior to second and third reading of the proposed By-law will be held February 23, 2000, commencing at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office.

The hearing will be conducted under the chairmanship of the mayor, or his designated person, for the purpose of hearing opinions and comments and/or objections to the proposed By-law.

The style of the hearing will be informal and persons wishing to speak will be requested to state their name and address for the record upon being recognized by the Chairman. Opportunities to speak will not be restricted, but recognition to speak will be at the discretion of the Chairman.

The public may inspect a copy of the proposed Municipal Development Plan amendments at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office during regular office hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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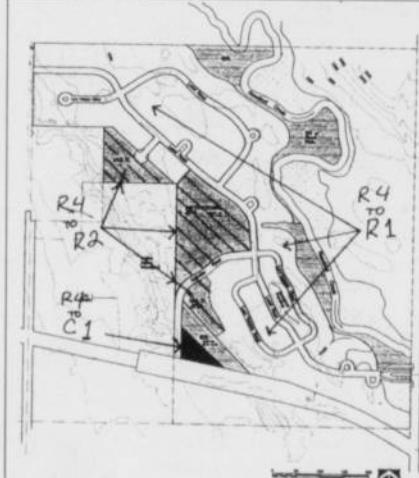
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Robert Wigg
Planning and Development Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF DIDSBURY

AMENDMENTS TO LAND USE BY-LAW 95-6



Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Didsbury has passed first reading of By-laws to amend the present Land Use by-law 95-6 as follows:

1) That portion of land within plan SE 1/4-19-31-1 W5M be redesignated from R4 (Large Lot Residential) to R1 (Low Density Residential), R2 (General Residential) and C1 (Commercial) as per the attached map.

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Robert Wigg
Planning and Development Officer

Six-Point plan for Health released last week

The details of Alberta's six point plan to protect and improve the publicly funded and administered health system was released on Feb. 2 by Health and Wellness Minister Halvar Jonson.

The six-point plan, announced in Premier Ralph Klein's televised speech on January 31, features the following priority directions:

- Improve access to quality publicly funded services.
- Improve the management of the health system.
- Enhance the quality of health services.
- Increase the emphasis on promoting wellness for Albertans and preventing disease and accidents.
- Foster new ideas to improve the health system.
- Protect the publicly funded health system.

Said Jonson "Albertans have told us to ensure that a quality publicly funded health system is accessible to all Albertans when they need it. The initiatives included under our six-point plan

will take the action necessary to ensure that happens."

He added, "The six-point plan being released today will help us make the changes necessary to preserve and protect our publicly funded health system for the future. The status quo is not an option in facing the health challenges of this new century."

Among the key initiatives announced in the plan are:

- Increased health spending of \$1.0 billion over the next three years.
- Increased numbers of key, life-saving surgeries and procedures such as heart surgery, neurosurgery, cancer surgery and kidney dialysis to shorten waiting times and reduce waiting lists.
- Hire more nurses, doctors, and other health professionals, including increasing the number of postgraduate residency positions at Alberta's medical schools.
- Increased funding for home and community care.
- Increased number of long-term care beds.

Maintain Alberta's competitiveness

Two studies commissioned by the government of Alberta reveal methods to market the province as a key location for investment and ways communities can maintain leading edge productivity. The results of the studies, "Best Practices in Marketing for Alberta Communities to Attract Business and Investment" and the "Community Competitiveness Study," officially released Dec. 16 by Alberta Economic Development (AED) Minister Jon Havelock, will be presented in a series of workshops around Alberta in Jan. 2000.

Sponsored by AED and led by the consultants who conducted the studies, six workshops will be held to publicize the studies' findings, ways to implement the results and the impact of the results on respective municipalities. Additional workshops in other locations will be considered if demand warrants.

The workshops will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (8 a.m. registration) in the following locations across Alberta on the following dates: Taber on Jan. 10, Okotoks on Jan. 11, Edson on Jan. 17, Peace River on Jan. 18, Camrose on Jan. 20, and Red Deer on Jan. 21.

"These studies are part of an overall strategy to increase the readiness of Alberta communities to attract business and investment," Havelock said. "The information sessions will be an effective way to help them reach their economic growth potential by getting this information directly out to those who can benefit from it."

The Best Practices in Marketing for Alberta Communities to Attract Business and Investment study identified marketing methods currently used by North American communities to attract business and investment. Conducted by Whyte

• Establish a Health Services Utilization Commission.

• Launch approximately 20 Health Innovation Fund Projects.

• Complete and evaluate 33 primary health care physician alternative payment pilot projects.

• Additional funding for the purchase of high-tech medical equipment.

• Expanding telehealth services.

• Implement a pharmaceutical information system pilot project.

• Launch new long-term immunization plan.

• Develop a new provincial cervical cancer screening program.

• Implement a new "Aging in Place" strategy.

• Implement a new province-wide Metabolic Screening Program.

• Establish a special Premier's Advisory Council on Health, Chaired by Don Mazankowski, former Deputy Prime Minister of Canada.

• Introduce legislation to protect Alberta's single-payer, publicly-funded, publicly administered health system.

"Many challenges face Canada's health system," said Jonson. "But Alberta is well positioned to lead the nation in taking the steps necessary to ensure our

publicly funded health system is there when Albertans need it."

"Though primary health care reform; new directions for long-term care; increased focus on health promotion, protection and prevention; and greater co-

operation and integration among health professions; this six-point plan puts into action the new directions needed to build our publicly funded health system of the future," concluded Jonson.

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February 19, 2000
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DJ at 7:00

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Agriculture Policy

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Dragon's Den news

Classes have now been back in full swing for the first week and students and teachers are falling back into the routine. February is going to be a short month for students since there are the regular Fridays off as well as two extra days off for Teachers Convention on the 24 and 25.

There is, however, an extra day this month since it is a Leap Year!

Have your child's school fees been paid? If not, there is a chance that your child may not be able to participate in extracurricular activities. You may contact the school secretaries to make arrangements for alternative payment plans.

Health Authority 5 has sent consent forms home for grade 9 students to receive their Tetanus and Diphteria shots. The date set for the vaccinations is February 10, 2000. Please sign the consent forms and return them to the school office as soon as possible.

Didsbury High is pleased to announce that they are offering the job-shadowing program again this year. You must be in grade 10, 11, or 12 and 16 yrs. of age or older. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Miller or Miss. Redmond by March 15, 2000. In the past students have been placed in the following fields: EMT, meat cutting, sign language interpretation, veterinary services and many more.

Remember even though it is getting closer to spring and sunny days are getting



THERE, THERE

The Didsbury Figure Skating Club is in high gear preparing for their 11th annual Dinner Theatre. A lot of local talent will be taking part in the club's production of "Problems at Piddling Heights."

Photo by Nicole Smith

nicer, that attendance is very important. Staff at Didsbury High asks that students refrain from cutting classes; regular attendance is essential in order to keep your grades up as well as develop good working habits. Parents, if your child cannot attend school, please call and notify the office of your son/daughter's absence.

The Student's Council has been busy. They put a lot of energy into getting ready for the dance that was held on

For information on upcoming events check out the school's website: www.chinooksedge.ab.ca/didsburyhigh/ and as always, feel free to contact the school by phone with any questions or concerns.

Friday, February 4. Those students who attended, enjoyed the video format for the dance. We appreciate the parents and teachers who helped make the dance successful by coming out to chaperone. Student's council also continued the Valentine's tradition of conducting the Matchmaker Survey and selling the results to the students. The Council is plan-

ning a new service this year - Flowergrams. Student's Council members will be set up in the foyer of the school at lunch hour on February 8 and 9 to take Flowergram orders. The flowers will then be distributed on Valentine's Day. The cost is \$2.00 per carnation or 3 carnations for \$5.00. Send one to someone special and make his/her day.

South-West Didsbury: Congratulations and sympathy

Sympathy of the area is expressed to the family of Hank Falkman (formerly of Didsbury) of Penticton, B.C. who passed away Jan. 28, 2000, at the age of 96 years.

Congratulations also to E. n. i. t. h. Hunsperger (formerly of Didsbury) & now of Chinook Winds Lodge in Carstairs, celebrated her 96th Birthday on Saturday, Jan. 29 (real date 24th) at the 5-0 Club in Didsbury by hosting a party for relatives & many friends. She was ably assisted by her sister-in-law



Bessie ECKSTRAND

Joan Hunsperger & family. M.C. for the afternoon program was nephew Mr. Lyle Schaitel of Fort McMurray & consisted of: Larry Hunsperger read congratulations from Gov't Officials; Ethel DeWitt - life long friend from Edmonton, told her life story; several great nieces & nephews played piano & recited poems; and niece Sharon Schaitel & son Brent played a duet.

Everyone enjoyed the program, visiting with friends & relatives & the lovely buffet luncheon & birthday cake.

Present for the occasion

were 9 nieces & nephews & wives or husbands & families. Out of town guests were from Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary & a small bus load from Chinook Winds Lodge in Carstairs.

Enith was born and grew up in the Didsbury area, worked at different places, i.e. Haurard Hallidays at Didsbury Creamery with Jack Wordie as Manager. She took a business course at Mount Royal and then went to work at Beulah Home in Edmonton for unwed mothers. They were mostly teens from around the Province, and provided Health Care & anonymity. The facility was taken over by the Provincial Government in 1964, rebuilt & renamed Woodside Homes. Woodside closed its

doors, acknowledge the end of an era, two years ago and honoured some of those who had kept it operating all those years. Enith received special congratulations as she had worked there for 53 years. Enith said "I was called to Buelah Home & I've never regretted the time I spent there." Enith retired & has lived in Chinook Winds Lodge in Carstairs for the last 7 years.

She filled up her life with going on trips & enjoying relatives & friends & still drives her car.

Best wishes Enith for more years of good health and happiness.

The first meeting of Knox U.C.W. for 2000 was held at the Church on January 25 with a good number in attendance.

The new President Sherley MacMillan was in the chair. The new secretary is Alice Bramley & Bazaar Convenor is Evelyn Clarke.

Two life memberships were handed out during the year to Mrs. Helen Klink & Beth Olsen. Muriel Cowan showed some pictures from she and Bill's 60th Wedding Anniversary, celebrated on Christmas Day Dec. 25, 1999.

Plans were made for the coming year. Dates to note: Red Deer Presbyteral Feb. 26 at Lacombe & World's Day of prayer to be held at New Bergthal on March 3. All church ladies and gentlemen are invited to attend.

Ground Hog Day - showed a couple of inches. Are we going to get 6 weeks of winter??



By Marilyn Logan

With all the millions of adults in the world, the possibility of finding the one perfect soul mate seems daunting. Despite popular mythology dispensed so readily in romance novels and soap operas, few experience the "love at first sight" scenario.

More frequently, the person with whom you will want to share your life pops up unexpectedly. Over time friendship, mutual respect and shared values start to emerge. Only then does love have a chance to blossom.

I first met my husband at a parent/teacher interview. We had a short pleasant chat and then I left. It was strange how often I kept bumping into him after this initial introduction. Several months later he called and asked if I would like to accompany him to a staff barbecue. The invitation sounded innocent enough. After agreeing to go, I politely asked if there was anything I

could bring.

"Well sure," he replied. "You can bring a salad, some plates and cutlery, lawn chairs, ice, munchies and some beverages."

He would bring the steaks. What?? This man was asking me to go out and I was supposed to provide all the goodies? Hrrumph! I was sorry I had asked. However, I had made a commitment so felt compelled to do my part.

After arriving at the party we found a table and proceeded to get ready for supper. Naturally, the men gathered around the grill to impress each other with their culinary expertise. While the cooking progressed several female colleagues, protective of their bachelor, stopped by to pump me for information about my intentions.

When the steaks were ready we headed to the table. For some reason my date suddenly became bashful. Conversation diminished as his shyness transferred to me. For the life of me I couldn't think of a thing to say. At one point I glanced at his plate. He had taken out his pocketknife and was using it to serve his meat. I couldn't resist asking if he used this kind of utensil often to cut his food. "Sure!" He replied. "I know every place this knife has been. Besides, it's sharp." Gross!! I quickly lost my appetite. All I could think was that he had spent at least one too many years with the guys.

Somehow I managed to finish supper. I quickly abandoned my date and headed straight to the campfire to visit with more refined guests. I had totally lost interest in this barbarian despite all the flattering qualities about him that sailed in my direction. The outing ended early. I just wanted to go home and chalk this date up to experience.

The next day he stopped by as I prepared a picnic lunch with some friends. Obviously I hadn't learned my lesson the first time. Without thinking, I asked if he would like to join us. He literally beamed. Oh dear, temporary brain malfunction had struck again.

I must admit I was more relaxed this second day. Conversation flowed. Through succeeding conversations, friendship and a healthy respect for each other grew. In the year that we dated I learned that my frontiersman might be a little eccentric at times, but then his peculiarities always made me laugh. An important trait I must admit.

Moral: Slice it any way you want, but first impressions don't always cut it.

Global education

With the advent of a new millennium, the world is becoming a smaller place. Even though the cost of travel is high and time is short, have you ever wondered if you or your children need to become more aware of the world and its diversity? Student Travel Schools can help bring the world to your home! Student Travel Schools (STS) is a non-profit student exchange organization that brings enthusiastic high school students from far away lands together with caring volunteer host families in Canada. These students range from 14-18 years of age and attend high school right in your own neighbourhood. Student Travel Schools is a reciprocal exchange program that has welcomed many students overseas into Alberta for the last several years, while helping several Alberta teens realize their dream of a year abroad. Hosting is a unique opportunity to share your family life with an enthusiastic young person. It is also a way to reduce the already low program fees if you have a son or daughter who would like to go on an exchange of their own. STS students are required to adhere to a strict set of rules, to be

come a part of your family and to act as young ambassadors for their home country. Currently, STS is actively looking for caring host families for our next group of students arriving in August of 2000 from Europe, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. These students have a wide variety of interests and unique backgrounds and truly do become a part of your family by taking on some daily chores and even occasional younger sibling childcare. Host families are as varied as our students. STS will consider caring hosts whether younger or older, married or single, and with or without children. Every effort is made to select students whose interests and characteristics will match those of your own family. Rest assured that if things don't go as smoothly as expected, your STS Area Representative will be there to help. Our main requirement is that you approach the role of hosts with a positive attitude and a desire to share your lives with others. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity to learn about the world without leaving the comfort of your home, we would love to hear from you. For more information, please call 1-800-205-5316.

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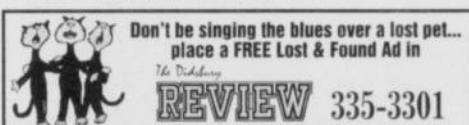
World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is seeking local representatives to provide high school students from several countries including Germany, France, Mexico, Japan, and Brazil with local program support.

Community representatives plan an annual orientation, meet with the local high schools, provide support counseling for participants, screen potential host families, and visit with the exchange students on a monthly basis. Representatives also attend an annual training meeting and report to the regional coordinator. The ideal candidate

should enjoy fostering new international friendships, be community minded, and enjoy working with teenagers. Community representatives spend an average of 1-2 hours a week with the exchange students, and general expenses are reimbursed by the organization.

World Heritage is in the process of building their team of reputable community representatives.

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usually speak some English. Year long students need not have learned the language of the host country as they receive language and cultural instruction as part of the World Heritage program. World Heritage students attend regular high school classes along with their new teenage friends.

The World Heritage organi-

to 18 years old and will attend the local high school for an academic year.

Students or families interested in more information about World Heritage programs, or to set up an interview, should contact Angela at (705) 745-4147 or Mary at 1-800-888-9040 or log on to their web site at www.world-heritage.org.

A call for nominations

The Alberta Medical Association (AMA) is calling for year 2000 Achievement Awards nominations for individuals who have improved the quality of health care in Alberta. The deadline for nominations is April 28. Awards will be presented at the AMA annual general meeting in September.

The Medal of Honour is awarded to a non-physician who has raised the standards of health care and contributed to the advancement of medical research, medical education, health care organization and/or health education of the public.

The 1999 Medal of Honour was awarded to Gloria Bish of Medicine Hat. Ms. Bish was honoured for her outstanding dedication and contributions to the field of grief and victim sup-

port. As a neonatal intensive care nurse, she was moved by the lack of support for parents dealing with loss of their babies.

Through her efforts, the Perinatal Bereavement Program of Medicine Hat was established and has become a model for similar programs elsewhere. While originally focused on stillborn babies and perinatal deaths, Ms. Bish's techniques have recently been used for other loss situations such as ectopic pregnancies, miscarriages and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Recent winners of the Medal of Honour include:

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For further information about the nominations procedure or to request a nomination form, please call Pat Shinkewski, Coordinator, Public Affairs at the AMA (780) 482-2626.

Venture capital for schools

Venture capitalists are still on the lookout for opportunities to invest in education, but apparently, K-12 education is in the area in which they have the lowest level of interest. Venture capital firms provide crucial early funding to business start-ups, then take a profit when a company is sold or begins selling stock to the public.

Nonetheless, there is a lot of money among venture capital firms that might be interested in the K-12 market, and the education industry has been a bit underdiscovered, according to a partner in the New York City investment firm of Jordan Co.

Such investment firms are interested primarily in education companies that specialize in corporate training or in Internet-based education businesses. The senior vice-president of GE Capital, the venture capital arm of General Electric

Inc., explains that venture capitalists have the lowest level of interest in child care, K-12 education services and services for at-risk youth. He goes on to explain, "That's an area we don't understand well. It has lots of government and union involvement - things GE is trying to stay away from."

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Focus on the Family



James C. Dobson, PH. D., is founder and president of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

QUESTION: My wife tried to make me feel guilty when she left. She angrily blamed me for the divorce despite my desperate attempts to hold things together. I'm not a perfect man, but I loved her and would never have left. But in her mind, I failed so miserably as a husband that she was forced to run around with her boss! Can you believe that? She blamed me for her adultery!

DR. DOBSON: Your wife is trying to transfer her guilt to you. Nearly every spouse does something similar when engaging in infidelity. Such people must find a way to deal with the condemnation of their own consciences. They have torn up a home, rejected their spouses, wounded their children and jeopardized their future. Such outrageous behavior demands an explanation of some sort. Thus, they construct a vigorous defense against moral condemnation, usually by shifting blame to the spouse.

Ask any victim of an affair; he or she has probably heard a version of the following rationalizations designed to handle four specific sources of guilt:

1. Marital guilt. "I know that what I'm doing is difficult for you now, but someday you will understand that it's for the best. I never really loved you even when we were young. In fact, we should never have gotten married in the first place. Furthermore, this divorce is really your fault. You drove me to it by ..." (insert grievances here, such as frigidity, in-law problems, nagging, overwork or all the foregoing).

This message has a transparent purpose. The first sentence marvelously purifies the motives of the unfaithful spouse. It says in effect, "I'm really doing this for your good."

The second sentence is also a beauty. It is designed to serve as an "annulment" to the marriage instead of a cruel abandonment of a loved one. By saying that they should have never gotten married, their union becomes an unfortunate mistake rather than a relationship that is ordained and cemented. Then by putting the remaining responsibility on the other party, the blame is successfully transferred from the guilty to the innocent. So much for wedding vows. Now let's deal with the children.

2. Parental guilt. "This will be hard on the kids for a while, but they'll be better off in the long run. It certainly isn't healthy for them to see us fight and argue like we've been doing. Besides, I will spend just as much time with them after things settle down as I do now."

Zap! Zap! Guilt over the children is also tucked away. Would you believe that Dad's escapade with another woman or Mom's flight with Don Juan is actually a constructive thing? Pay no heed to the conclusions the children draw about why Mommy or Daddy left, and why he or she doesn't love them anymore, and why the divorce may have been their fault, and why life is so painful and scary. Try to ignore the fact that everything stable has just come unstitched in the lives of some very impressionable and sensitive little people. Guilt over the children can be the toughest to rationalize, but, fortunately, hundreds of books and tapes are available today that will help you silence your writhing conscience.

3. Social guilt. "I'm sure our friends won't understand at first, and I can hardly wait to hear what your mother will have to say. But it's like I told the pastor last week, our divorce is really no one's fault. We've just outgrown each other."

If a woman is speaking, she may say: "Besides, I am entitled to do what's best for me once in a while. I've given my entire life to everyone else; now it's time for me to think of myself. Anyway, what's right for me will prove best for you and the children, too."

This line of reasoning is only one of many rationalizations by which selfishness can be purified and made to appear altruistic. Three down and one to go.

4. Divine guilt. "I've prayed about this decision and am now certain that God approves of what I've chosen to do."

There is the ultimate rationalization. If God has taken the matter under advisement and judged the divorce to be in the interest of everyone, who can argue that point further? The conversation is over. Guilt is expunged. Self-respect is restored. Having settled the "big four," every moral and spiritual obstacle is removed. The stage is set for further infidelity, and eventually divorce.

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Get ready to celebrate Valentine's Day - Y2K style!

Valentine's Day: a day of romance, family and friends. While usually celebrated with chocolates and cards, the first Valentine's Day of the millennium is the perfect opportunity to get creative and express yourself in a new way - using the Internet. Whether your loved one has moved away for school or work, shares your home, or is travelling abroad, the Internet can help you share your feelings in a number of different ways.

The Valentine's Day spirit is about investing personal time and energy to uncover the ideal way to express your feelings - but here are some ideas to help inspire you:

Send sweet love notes

With all of the instant messaging and e-mail resources available on the Internet, it's easy to send your sweetheart romantic poems and thoughts by e-

mail in addition to leaving paper notes around the house. Whether sending hints for a scavenger hunt or riddles about a final vacation destination, electronic mail/messaging extends your creative possibilities. Keeping in touch during the day is always a special bonus. E-mail offerings like Hotmail web-based e-mail service lets your loved one check their messages on their own time, without interfering with work.

Plan a romantic getaway

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DINNER TIME
Almost 400 people turned out to enjoy a turkey dinner hosted by St. Anthony's Catholic Church last Sunday.

Jackson W.I. News

by Noreen Olson

Our first meeting for the year 2000 was at Dorit Birds house and began with a potluck Ethnie Lunch. An amazing number of Countries were represented including Great Britain, Germany, Scandinavian Countries, and The Orient.

President Marie Scott opened the meeting and read to us from a Newspaper Article about the Rylstone and District Women's Institute from the Yorkshire Dales in Great Britain. When one of the members lost her husband to leukaemia the group decided to do something to raise money for leukaemia research. Fortified by a few glasses of wine and with everyone wearing pearls as a concession to moral decency, the 12 middle aged and older ladies, posed for a nude calendar. They did use strategically placed kitchen equipment, mops, muffin tins, colanders etc. They raised a phenomenal 7,800 pounds. Despite their success we don't foresee a similar project here.

Roll Call was, "what is your birth order and did it give you any special status." We had 2 eldest, 6 middle children, 4 babies, 2 only's and the rest were various. Maybe this is what makes us such a varied and interesting group. Treasurers report was given and the report from the auditors. Auditor Nellie Davies congratulated Treasurer Marie Olson on

her flawless bookkeeping. We have already donated to ACWW, Pennies for Friendship, Girls Club, Adelaide Homeless Homestead, and the Iodine Project. At Christmas we each donated a child's gift and money for the Food Bank. Gifts and money were divided between Cremona and Carstairs.

President Marie Scott reported from the Constituency Executive meeting. The Farm Safety Project has been shelved, the Province does not offer financial support for it at this time. Our Constituency Conference will be held at The Church of God in Carstairs on April 26. All Handicraft and Home Ec. items must be in before 1 p.m. on April 25 because judging begins then. Get your Handicraft Items to Lois or Dorit, your Home Ec. to Ev Robertson. Dorit has promised a lollipop to anyone who brings her Handicraft to the April 19 meeting.

Lunch will be potluck and a committee will phone. To help the environment bring your own coffee mug. Registration will be \$4, and Brian Keating will be speaking at 1 p.m. A collection box will be on hand for the Calgary Zoo Conservation Fund and visitors are welcome. Cash prizes are offered in several categories so enter in all of them.

Hospital Auxiliary Meeting will be held on Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. at the 5-0 in Didsbury. Ev Robertson will be asked to attend.

District 5 Delegates were appointed for the workshop on March 4. Marie Olson and Lita Reid will represent us and we hope other members will go as guests. Guest Joanne Van Arnam from Wolf Willow Branch reported that their group will host a seminar at 7 p.m. on March 22 at the Gold and Silver in Cremona. The seminar will deal with preparing for menopause. A letter from Jan Luft of Chinook Creative Arts invited us to take part, individually or as a group, in the year 2000 Art Show at the Chinook Arts Building on April 29.

Founders Day supper will be at Lita and Alan Reid's 6 p.m. on Feb. 11. Meeting was adjourned to make way for our International Affairs Topic under convenor Elma Bird. Elma's guest speaker was Dino Siemens of the Hope Children's Home Project, Kathmandu, Nepal. Dino now lives in Carstairs but he and his family support the program whose head office is in Kelowna B.C. He is a guide for walking tours in Nepal and 100% of the income from these tours go to support the orphanages. His personal motto is, "The person who says it cannot be done should not get in the way of the person doing it." The orphanage's motto is, "Today's Orphans, Tomorrow's Leader."

Next meeting will be at Joan Foat's on Feb. 23. Remember the Founder's Day party on Feb. 11.

BOB THE BEAVER BREAKFAST

The Zella Girls Club served up hot breakfast to many locals last Saturday morning at their annual Bob the Beaver Breakfast at Rosebud Hall.



Health care is the number one concern of Albertans.

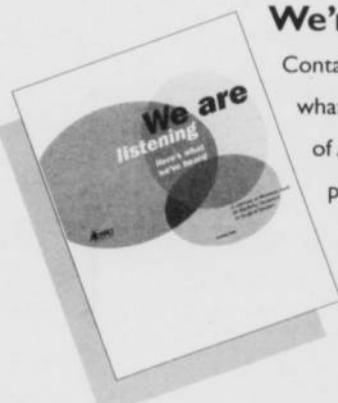
Last fall, the Alberta Government released a policy statement that rejects two-tiered health care and proposes rules to regulate clinics performing surgeries that require an overnight stay.

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Faces

a brief glimpse of people and events in our community

Go out to dinner with the Didsbury Figure Skating Club

Stuck on what to make for dinner?

Why not make it an evening out with the Didsbury Figure Skating Club?

Rehearsals are now underway for the Club to host its 11th Annual Dinner Theatre.

This year's production is called "Problems at Piddling Heights", featuring the talents of Mike Cureton, Angela Haskett, Kelly Hnidy, Mike Johnston, Walter O'dell, Sheena Pearson, Tom Pederson, Linda Pothier, Mike Phillips, Serena St. Jacques, Callie Beasley, and Steve Dietrich as Inspector Bird.

The Dinner Theatre will take place Friday, March 31, 2000 at the Didsbury Sports Complex. Tickets are \$20.00 each and are available from Linda Pothier at 335-9931 or Sharon Dietrich at 335-9775.

Another date to remember is the Didsbury Figure Skating Club's annual Ice Show, Sunday, March 5, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.

This year's theme is "Music through the Millennium". The skaters are already working hard to put on an enjoyable show.

See you there!



Sharon Dietrich



Auxiliary Parts Required

Time to spare? You may wish to consider becoming part of the Didsbury District Health Care Auxiliary this year.

Long standing member Ruth

Sverdahl says becoming involved in the group as a member has many benefits.

In addition to raising money for special projects through the Foundation, Auxiliary members help organize special events like the Nightingale Tea and Bazaar, and operate the Facilities Tuck Cart Service.

"Being a member of the Auxiliary is also a wonderful way to meet new people and socialize ...especially if you are new to town," says Sverdahl who found herself in a similar predicament 13 years ago.

"We had just left the farm and moved into town and I was told about the Auxiliary and their work through a friend. It sounded like a good way to become more involved in the community again, so I took her up on the offer and am very glad I did."

Sverdahl says in order for the Auxiliary to operate smoothly, they would like to have at least 20 members - at present, they only have 11.

"We meet the first Thursday of each month in the Assembly Room at the Hospital. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to drop by and pay us a visit."

Didsbury Fire Department takes care of more than just fires

Members of Didsbury's Fire Department are practising to put out more than just fires these days. All 12 of the volunteers with the Didsbury Fire Department have begun training to be FMR's (Fire Medical Responders). "It's basically one step below an EMT - Emergency Medical Technician," says Trainer Craig Penner.

Penner works as both a member of the Didsbury Fire Department and one in Calgary and believes it is important firefighters receive the specialized instruction to be able to assist other professionals at the scene of an accident. "This program is not intended to replace the role of an ambulance attendant, but to complement it in a way that allows the maximum benefit to the individual need." Penner, an EMT himself, says the instruction Didsbury Firefighters receive will teach them how to apply techniques involved in basic life support. "They learn things like how to operate a defibrillator and how to maintain airways ...important tasks that may one day help save a life."



Craig Penner

New Chamber Chair keeps pace

Didsbury's new Chamber of Commerce President, Dan Peters, has at least one goal and many, many ideas when it comes to furthering the healthy influx of new businesses in town. "I really want to continue the momentum that has already taken place these past few years," says Peters. "It's so important that we sustain what we have accomplished so far ...we are living in exciting times in Didsbury and can't afford to stand still."

According to Peters, one of the greatest assets Didsburians have going for them is the support and involvement in their Town leaders in local development. "The Town's leadership and administration are interested in working together with the Chamber to create the kind of environment where business can flourish. That's going to be key to our success as a whole." Peters adds it is not by coincidence that "Didsbury is the fastest growing community north of Calgary." "We are experiencing exceptional growth right now ...good growth, controlled growth. We are truly the envy of many neighbouring communities." He points to events and activities like the Trade Fair that keeps getting bigger and better each year, Christmas decorations like that are the envy of a lot of other communities, a Show and Shine event that attracts people from across the province and a Main Street Project that shows we are alive and exciting. "Many, many people have worked very hard to see that Didsbury turn into the kind of community we see today. I just want to help keep up the pace."



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Alta Vista Chiropractic 'adjusting' well to Didsbury

By Nicole Smith

Chiropractors are trained to help treat many ailments with our muscles and bones, and Dr. Derek Penner is no exception.

Penner, the owner of the new Alta Vista Chiropractic Centre, holds his job in high regard and has a true love for what he does.

"I try to give the best possible service to the patient that I can," said Penner.

He is not new to the world of chiropractics, as Penner has been practising for the last 22 years.

His venture here, which officially opened Feb. 1, is just one of a long line of chiropractic clinics that Penner, along with wife Madonna who is a nurse, have run.

Prior to coming to Didsbury, Penner was in business in High Prairie.

He's also done business in Fort Saskatchewan, Calgary and a small community in northern Alberta.

So, why Didsbury?

"We drove in here and just fell in love with the place," said Penner. "The people here are so friendly."

Penner offers various services to the community, including adjustments, nutritional consultations, cranial sacral

therapy, manual muscle testing and rehabilitation therapy.

"We're more than just headache and low back people."

Penner had a stake in chiropractics long before he began practising, as his father was able to walk again thanks to a chiropractor.

"Really, I became a chiropractor through personal interest and personal experience," he said.

"I love what I do."

Love for his work and caring for his patients seems to be a real mantra for Penner.

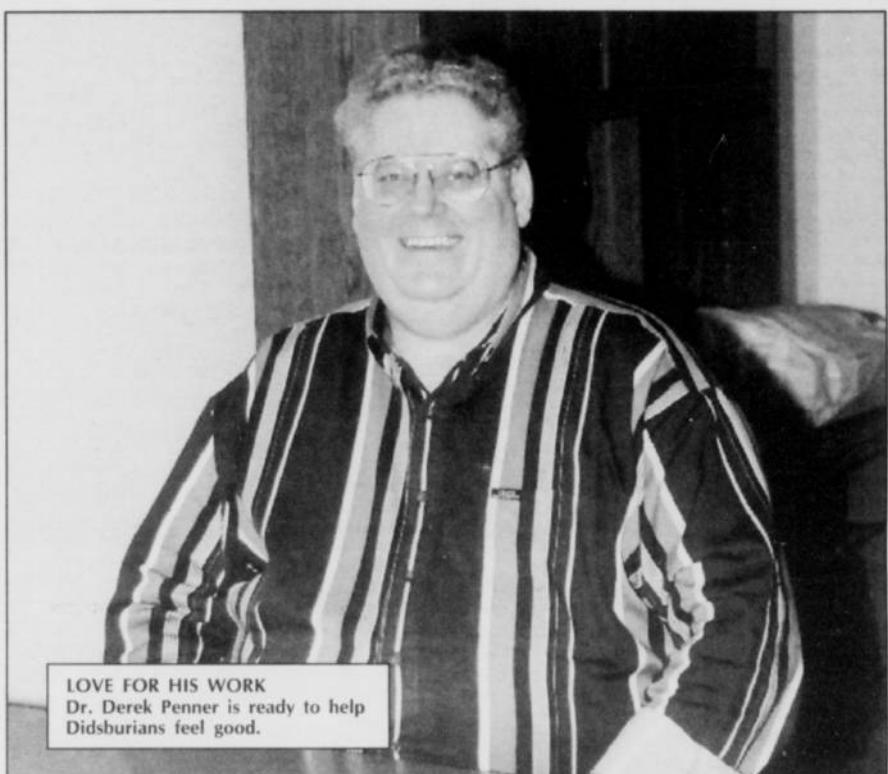
"Anybody who comes through the door will get the best possible service they can and if I can't provide it, I'll refer them to someone who can," he said.

"You've got to care for the people and treat them like your brother, sister, mother or father," he said.

Alta Vista Chiropractic Centre is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. As well, Penner offers 24-hour service in case of an emergency.

Penner and his new business is located at #204, Second Floor of the Victoria Square Mall. He can also be reached by phoning 335-0006.

"When your spine's in line, you'll feel fine," he concluded.



LOVE FOR HIS WORK
Dr. Derek Penner is ready to help Didsburians feel good.

Premier Klein to carry grain farmers' message to Prime Minister Jean Chretien

Premier Ralph Klein has sent a letter to the Prime Minister adding his support to farmers and producer groups calling on the federal government to take the necessary action to improve Canada's grain handling and transportation systems.

The letter follows a meeting on January 26, 2000 between Premier Ralph Klein and a number of Alberta farm groups and organizations, representing approximately 90,000 prairie farmers. The industry presented the Premier with their position on the Estey/Kroeger reports and other recommendations to improve farm income.

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development Minister Ty Lund and Infrastructure Minister Ed Stelmach were also in attendance.

Premier Ralph Klein acknowledged that many of the current problems facing agriculture may be beyond the immediate control of Canada and

Canada needs to restructure those systems that are inefficient and wasteful," Premier Klein stated. "These impediments to more efficient grain handling and transportation are extremely costly to farmers. Implementing the Kroeger package of reforms will save western farmers hundreds of millions of dollars annually."

These changes are possible within Canada's own back yard. They would promote a more commercial system, improve competition, enhance choice for farmers and thereby increase farmer returns. By not allowing these changes to take place, the federal government only worsens the current difficulties our producers are experiencing," said Minister Lund.

Premier Klein's open letter to the Prime Minister of Canada supports the Estey/Kroeger approach to grain handling and transportation. Mr. Kroeger, appointed by the federal government

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Sheep and Goats:

Ewes 90; Feeder Lambs 95; Nannies 70; Billies 100

Feed:

Small Square Hay 100 to 250; Large Hay 15 to 18

Alberta government adopts Kroeger recommendations

Wild Rose Agricultural Producers, last week strongly condemned the Alberta government's stance to adopt the Kroeger recommendations on grain handling and transportation as a package.

"The Government's insistence to adopt Kroeger's recommendations only further illustrates how out of touch the government is with the economic plight the producers in the province are experiencing," said 1st Vice President Keith Degenhardt of Hughenden.

"By selecting Kroeger's recommendations at face value on the revenue cap issue alone, it could cost grain and oilseed producers in excess of one half billion dollars over the next five years, this when compared to the producer recommendations supported by Wild Rose Agricultural Producers, Keystone Agricultural Producers and the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities. It is interesting to note that during the Kroeger process itself, the Government of Alberta originally recommended a revenue cap level even lower than the one adopted by the three general farm organizations. Furthermore, the government was the initiator of the productivity sharing formula. For some reason, the government has abandoned these positions," said Mr. Degenhardt.

Kroeger also recommends a further review for railway competition, something only one farm group has supported.

This review does not necessarily mean that competitive measures would be introduced into the system, or at best, they would not be introduced by the start of the 2000-2001 crop year. Competitive measures need to be adopted now, without further delay.

Finally, the elected Board of Directors of the Canadian Wheat Board are currently examining their role in grain handling and transportation and we are confident that changes to the system will be made to make it much more accountable and competitive.

Additionally, blending revenues of up to 30 million dollars a year of producers money are at risk of being consumed by grain companies if Kroeger's recommendations are adopted.

"Farmers should be disappointed that the government has decided to adopt a policy that potentially takes money out of hands of grain and oilseed producers and leaves it in the hands of the railroads. It should be the responsibility of government to negotiate the best possible deal for producers particularly in these difficult economic times. It would seem Premier Ralph Klein is being misled by people who put philosophy ahead of economics. Mr. Kroeger's recommendations do not represent the best possible solution for producers," said Mr. Degenhardt.

Wild Rose Agricultural Producers is Alberta's largest general farm organization representing over 60,000 Alberta producers.

Central heating systems

A lot of people, myself included, have trouble getting going in the morning. It's especially tough in winter, when our instinct to hibernate kicks in. But while we blame the short days and cold temperatures, maybe the real culprit is what we eat for breakfast.

It has been known that schoolchildren who eat a nutritious breakfast perform better in the classroom and have more energy for play. Of course, the key here is the word "nutritious." Whole-grain cereals are probably the best breakfast you can have: they are digested more slowly than refined products and so provide energy over a longer period.

Researchers have found that high-fibre, low-fat foods are the most filling. Tests show that a bowl of oatmeal is twice as filling as white bread, three times as filling as a doughnut, and almost five times as filling as a croissant. If you're not starving by lunchtime, you're less likely to overeat.

Besides keeping you warm and satisfied, oatmeal is a functional food: it offers health benefits in addition to nutrition. A substance called beta glucan found in oat bran helps keep cholesterol levels down, reducing the risk of heart disease. It also suppresses the risk of

blood glucose after eating, which is a benefit to diabetics.

Ceapro Inc. of Edmonton has developed oat bran that contains 16-20% beta glucan, compared with the typical 6-9%.

The company produces a line of functional foods including Japanese noodles, bread, pasta and snacks.

Also in the works is a non-dairy yogurt substitute made from oat bran that has the texture, taste and appearance of yogurt but is low-fat, high fibre and lactose-free.

It seems Mom knew what she was talking about when she set that

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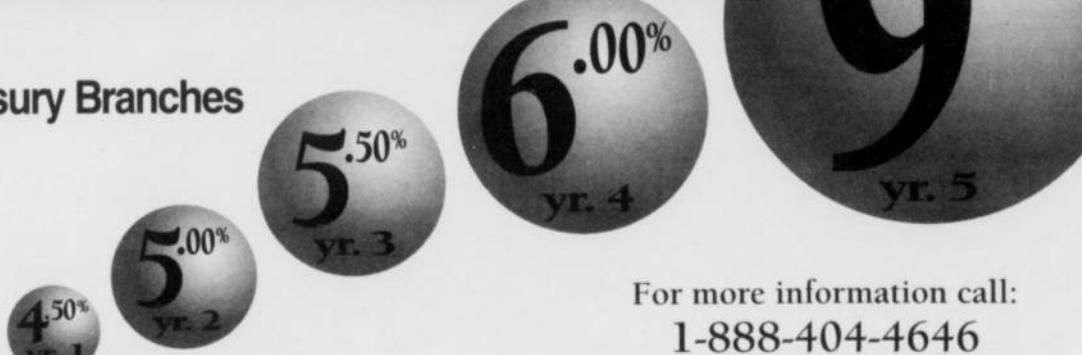
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TransAlta targets generation and transmission for growth

TransAlta Corporation announced recently that it intends to focus its growth and investments on its transmission businesses. This targeted strategic focus capitalizes on its strengths as a low-cost operator of generation and transmission assets, and as a successful independent power developer.

As part of this decision, the company announced its intent to sell its Alberta retail and distribution business. TransAlta Corporation also announced that its New Zealand subsidiaries, TEC Investments Limited and TransNewZealand Energy Limited, have received notice of a proposed offer to purchase their interests in TransAlta New Zealand Limited. Any formal offer received will be reviewed in light of the announced strategic focus.

"We want to target our resources to best deliver future earnings growth which, in turn, ensures the current strong dividend to our shareholders," says Steve Snyder, president and CEO, TransAlta Corporation. "This is best accomplished by focusing our available resources on our business with clear-cut competitive advantage, our low-cost generation and transmission assets and our independent power developments."

In addition to nearly 4,500 megawatts of coal-fired and hydroelectric generating capability in Alberta, TransAlta has

almost 2,200 megawatts of gas-fired generation operating and in development in North American and selected international markets. The company is currently finalizing a transaction for a 1,340 megawatt, coal-fired power plant in Washington state, which is expected to close in the first quarter of 2000.

The electricity industry continues to deregulate. The rules are changing, and this dynamic market provides an opportunity for TransAlta to move quickly to build a focused competitive edge," said Snyder.

With this announcement, TransAlta is taking two critical steps to achieve its strategy: the decision to sell its Alberta retail and distribution business, and negotiations to sell the New Zealand assets.

"Retail and distribution are good businesses to be in but you must have sufficient scale to be successful," Snyder says. "We decided that we would best serve our shareholders by focusing our investments to build scale in generation and transmission."

TransAlta is currently in discussions with potential buyers for the Alberta assets. The intent is to complete negotiations as quickly as possible and conclude the transaction, including regulatory approval, by the end of the year. The sale is expected to raise substantially more than the book value

of \$500 million to reinvest in the growth strategy.

The Alberta retail and distribution business represent 10 per cent of the company's assets, involve about 650 employees and serve 350,000 customers.

"We believe the Alberta sale will result in benefits for everyone," Snyder explains. "Employees who stay with TransAlta will be part of a company dedicated to a focused growth strategy. Employees who move with a sale will become part of a company focused on being successful in retail and distribution."

The sale announcement will have no impact on service to customers.

"Customers can expect to receive safe and reliable electrical supply throughout a transition to a new owner," says Snyder.

As for the New Zealand announcement, TransAlta Corporation says that notice of a proposed offer to purchase its subsidiaries' 75.8 per cent interest in TransAlta New Zealand Limited has been given by Natural Gas Corporation Holdings Limited (NGC). TransAlta's wholly owned subsidiaries, TEC Investments Limited and TransNewZealand Energy Limited, together hold a 75.8 per cent interest. Under New Zealand stock exchange rules, the

notice begins a standard three-day pause period before any offer can be discussed publicly or accepted. NGC is a subsidiary of the Australian Gas Light Company.

"Preliminary negotiations have resulted in this notice of Natural Gas Corporation's interest in acquiring the New Zealand assets," says Snyder. "Negotiations are ongoing and we will consult with our board of directors on any formal offer. We intend to announce a decision as quickly as possible."

In its notice, Natural Gas Corporation indicated a purchase price in the range of \$2.60 NZ to \$3.10

NZ per share. TransAlta Corporation holds, indirectly through its wholly owned subsidiaries, some 187 million shares in TransAlta New Zealand and approximately \$217 million NZ debt associated with the Taranki generation plant. The transaction would result in total proceeds of between \$600 million Cdn to \$660 million Cdn.

TransAlta is an electric energy company with more than \$6 billion in assets. The company is focused on growing its competitive edge in generation and transmission in Canada, the United States and selected international markets.

Wild oats wakeup call



A suspected brush with Group 1 resistant wild oats four years ago prompted Calgary area wheat grower Calvin Treacy to rethink his herbicide rotation.

Four years ago, Alberta wheat grower Calvin Treacy had a brush with Group 1 resistant wild oats. It was enough of a wakeup call to trigger a major revamp of the Wheatland County grower's herbicide strategy.

Treacy, who direct seeds 5,200 acres of wheat, canola and barley at Hussar, 60 miles east of Calgary, had an inkling something was wrong when a wild oat herbicide from the Group 1 family failed on a 450 acre wheat field four years ago.

When laboratory tests of wild oat samples came back positive, he delved into the field's herbicide history. While he had only farmed the field for four years previously, he suspected the resistance could be linked to successive years of Group 1 application.

Two subsequent tests came back negative, but Treacy came out of the incident determined to rethink his weed control management. Last year, he used ASSERT, a Group 2 herbicide. Not only did it control both his wild oats and his Group 1 resistant wild oats in a

single application, Treacy now has the peace of mind that he is attacking the resistance risk head on.

"I had good wild oat control in the ASSERT fields this year," says Treacy. "Nothing reared its ugly head. When the weeds die, you know hopefully you're doing something right" – namely, moving away from Group 1 chemistry.

As well as participating in a local Alberta Agriculture program testing for Group 1 resistance in wild oats, Treacy says he's committed to careful field scouting. "I'm out there throughout spraying season, and after spraying once every three or four days in different spots," he says. Accurate field records go back eight years.

Quick response to resistance makes sense considering the grim alternative, Treacy says. "If you ever let it get out of hand, you pretty well have to plant grass. It would make the value of your land go down. It's something I take really seriously."



Don't be fooled. A lab test could show that this innocent-looking wild oat plant poses an entirely new weed challenge: resistance to Group 1 herbicides. As part of their weed management strategy to reduce Group 1 resistance risk, growers such as Calvin Treacy rely on ASSERT, a Group 2 herbicide that provides effective control of both wild oats and Group 1 resistant wild oats.

Canadian Wheat Board Bulletin

The Canadian International Grains Institute (CIGI) will be hosting the 2nd 'Combine to Customer' course this week.

The course is designed to give farmer-participants an appreciation for the end-use requirements of prairie-grown wheat and barley.

From elevator to port

Rail car unloads for all grains for week 26 (week ending January 30) were 3,324 at Vancouver (target: 3,300) and 1,563 at Prince Rupert (target 1,200). Rail car unloads at Thunder Bay totalled 0 cars (target: 130).

Primary elevator space (for weeks 26) was 21 per cent, unchanged from the week before.

Manitoba elevators averaged 20 per cent space, Saskatchewan elevators averaged 22 per cent space and Alberta elevators averaged 20 per cent space.

FOB forward

The General Manager of the CWB's Tokyo office, David Iwaasa and Marketing Manager Derek Silworsky will be travelling in South Korea this week to meet with customers and to take part in Minister Ralph Goodale's trade mission to Korea and Japan.

Potpourri

The Anderson Baker in Tokyo's Shinjuku area recently held a campaign to determine the best selling freshly baked breads.

The bread named 'Natural Toast' made from a high grade Canadian flour was the best seller. It sells for 450 yen (about \$6.50) per loaf.

(Source: December 1999 Trends, a quarterly by the Canadian Embassy, Tokyo.)

Didsbury Rockets "rally" to the A-Final in tournament

The weekend of Jan. 28-30 saw the Didsbury Rockets at Olds for their Tyke-Novice Tournament 2000. The Rockets started off the tourney on Friday night, playing Olds #1. Both teams came out skating, both pumped and ready to play hockey. Randy Hunter started off the scoring early in the first period, unassisted, with the second goal coming just after the halfway point, by defensemen, Matt Metka putting it past the Olds netminder. Olds didn't give up and came back in the second, putting one past our ever ready goal tender, Wes Dunbar, who played well and shut the door on the opposition, letting only one past the line. Randy Hunter popped in two more, for his hat trick, one in the second, and one in the third. A.J. McCoy and Zac McCargar each got one in the third, assisted by Colbey Dietrich. Stick draw winner for the game was Cody Wood. The team did well tying up the opposition in the neutral zone and making it hard for the offensive lines to get past the blue line. The game ended in a 6-1 victory for the Rockets and they moved on to the A-side draw.

Game #2 was against Sylvan Lake. It was a fast paced game, with some good skaters and stick handlers on both sides of the ice. Mitch Edwards put the pads on for this game, something he hadn't done in quite some time, but he was ready for whatever they dished him! One of the young guns started the scoring off for the Rockets. #19 Zac McCargar for the first one past the line ad between the pipes, being quick on his stick and picking up a rebound that popped out after a hard shot by #5 Wes Dunbar. This just seemed to set the tone for both teams who kept the pace quick, with lots of end to end action, and exciting and fun for the spectators to watch. Sylvan Lake answered back with one at just under the 10 minute mark of the first, but the Rockets kept coming and the second goal came 2 minutes later, with a great rush from #4 Randy Hunter who headed for the net, with team-mate, #2 Cody Wood skating with him ready for the pass, which came and Cody nailed it right through the five hole! Great team play and thinking on the move guys!

Going into the second it was tied 2-2, but then the Rockets rallied back with two more, one by #14 Matt Metka, unassisted and by #4 Randy Hunter. Great team work and back checking by forwards Tyler Hobbs and Colbey Dietrich helped the team hold Sylvan Lake off the score board and some good tangle ups and being tough on their sticks by #15 Kirk Heyland, #6 Mac Southgate and #8 Josh Campbell. Sylvan Lake didn't let up and managed one more in the second to make it a 4-2 game coming into the third. It

could go either way, with our defencemen starting to feel fatigued and Sylvan Lake keeping the pressure on. At the 18:50 mark, #14 Metka put one past the pipes, with another to follow from #4 Hunter and one more popped in by #5 Wes Dunbar, who was ready for the rebound after a break away rush by #19 Zac McCargar. The pace continued with both teams fighting for the puck, and working hard as the minutes ticked down on the clock. Good hustle shown by A.J. McCoy and Stephanie Southgate in the third as they worked hard to get back and help out the defence as Sylvan really turned it on at the end. However the clock ran out on Sylvan, and they couldn't quite catch the Rockets, with the game ending in a 7-6 victory for the Rockets. It was the best game of the season for the team and they know all had worked hard for it! Colbey Dietrich was awarded the stick draw for game #2.

Game #3 saw the Rockets in their second A Final of the season. They knew they had their work cut out for them as they were playing a tiered team from Red Deer. Lots of end to end action in the first part of the game with Red Deer pressuring the defence with good positioning and passing plays that were hard to contend with. The Rockets did well shutting the opposition down for the first 10 minutes of play keeping them in the neutral zone, but not being able to break out against Red Deer's strong defensive line. Red Deer finally got one on the board at the 12:00 minute mark, and adding two more before the first

period was over. The Rockets managed to answer back late in the first with a tough angle shot from A.J. McCoy who was tough on his skates and didn't let up until he got his shot away, despite pressure from the Red Deer defence. That gave the team a lift and they managed to keep the opposition off the score board again until late in the second. #8 Josh Campbell popped one in a few seconds later making it a 5-2 game going into the third. But then the flood gates opened up and Red Deer just kept on coming, with the Rockets goal tender, #6 Mac Southgate, getting lots of action, and making some great initial saves but being burnt on the scrambles in front and being bombarded by rebounds that just kept coming. The defence had a tough time clearing the puck from the front of the net and the Rockets had to suck up a tough loss once again with Red Deer taking home the A Final championship with a 8-2 victory against our disappointed Rockets. It was a tough game to play but one that I think helps build character, as well as "show" character in all of the players, and makes some of them dig down deep to learn to display good sportsmanship and hold their heads up high even in defeat. If a player can work hard until the end, and not give up trying to do their best even when they know there is no hope of winning the game and still stand proud, knowing they did their best, then that says a lot about the character of the person both on and off the ice. It was a tough loss, and for those who kept on trying, right to the end, it was far from a loss.

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The game continued with hard hitting action as J. Dawson scored with the assist of D. Ward. Other goals of the evening were made by M. Williams, C. Anderson, R. Morrow, and J. Jensen.

The assists went to C. Anderson, R. Morrow, M. Tugge and M. Warren. The whole game was filled with great action, with the penalty boxes full at times the Midgets played on with great skill and pride.

The Midgets took the lead early in the game and were able to hold on to it, they won with a score of 6-3. The team was very consistent as each period they had two goals.

The Midgets next game is Saturday, Feb. 12 at 5:00 p.m. in Didsbury so come down to the complex for some great hockey, and cheer on your local Midgets.

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Celebrate life this year

January is over. I should be making and keeping those New Year's resolutions. Should start working out, maybe lose some weight. But that's never worked for me, anyway. Oh, it's such a drag ...

Stop! Is this train of thought any way to start a new year and a new millennium?

Forget those shoulda-done, shoulda-been-better blues. This month, why not simply celebrate life?

Your list of things to celebrate could include the following:

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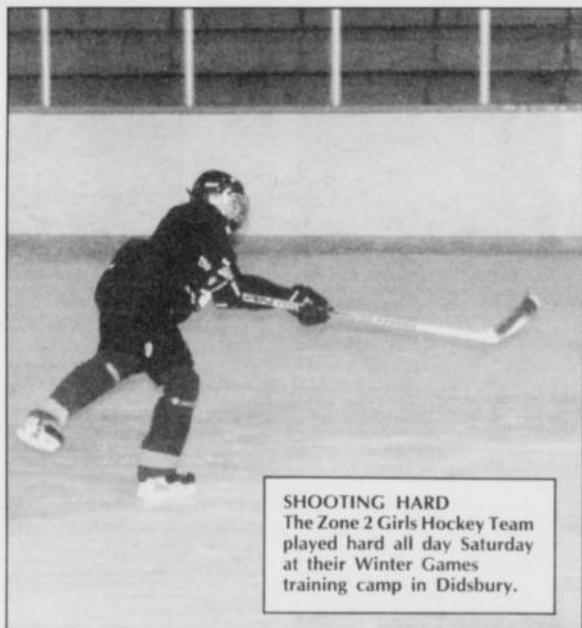
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• The weather. Ahhh-fresh air, sunshine, cool breezes, mysterious fog, changing cloud formations ... these stimulate our senses and strengthen our connections with nature.

• New horizons. Adventures await us always, whether it's travel around the world or around the block, a new veg-

etable to try for supper, a new attitude, a change of scenery, or whatever fills your needs today.



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Olds College students riding high

By Barry Williams

They're riding high in the college rodeo arena.

Olds college students have been doing their homework, attaining high marks in rodeo events as the Olds College Rodeo Club currently leads the Alberta College Rodeo association team standings, riding, roping and wrestling their way towards the ACRA finals rodeo scheduled for Olds in April, 2000.

"Traditionally the months of February and March are the busiest on the college circuit," said former Canadian Professional Rodeo Association competitor Dale Butterwick, now rodeo coach at Olds College.

"When the Alberta College finals rodeo opens in Olds, I expect the Olds Rodeo club will be well represented," added Butterwick, noting the competitive contestants are vying for qualification towards the finals rodeo.

The Olds College Rodeo Club has members who are interested in the competitiveness of the sport and some who are just interested in becoming more fa-

miliar with the events by being involved on a enjoyment basis.

Members of the Olds College Rodeo Club dominated the recent ACRA sanctioned rodeo held in Olds from Jan. 22-23, 2000.

In the roughstock competition, Olds cowboy Lyle Miller tied Andy Greenslade, of Calgary, for top spot in the bareback honors, while Nat Horner, of Red Deer, captured the saddle bronc riding. Calgary cowboy Stuart Cannon won the bull riding.

Olds team ropers, Travis Morrison and Dave Erickson, blitzed the team roping event, while Randy Smith, of Lakeland College, won the calf roping.

Jeremy Hardin, of Olds, won the men's all around competition by winning the steer wrestling and placing in the riding events.

Kelsey Pastor was the fastest ladies barrel racer, while Holly Macnealy, of Olds, won the pole bending.

Seven colleges participated in the rodeo, which attracted approximately 200 competitors.

Didsbury to host Atom B Provincials

Didsbury Minor Hockey is pleased to be hosting the Atom B Provincial Tournament March 17, 18 & 19.

The tournament will consist of the winners of the 7 zones in Alberta as well as our own Didsbury Atom A Rock n Roll as the host team.

These are the best teams in Alberta at this level. Some great and exciting hockey is anticipated.

It is expected to bring 160 players, ages 10-11 years old as well as their families to Didsbury. This is a tremendous opportunity for Didsbury Minor Hockey and the businesses of Didsbury to showcase our town.

Organizing committees have been set up in the planning stage. Individual game sponsors are being sought as well as advertising sponsors.

For more information contact Bruce Kemmere 335-9432, Fran Murphy 335-4591, or Chris Overwater 335-8859.

Watch for further updates.

Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills P.C. Association

Annual General Meeting



Saturday, February 19th,
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Gospel Services

Gospel services will be held Sundays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Mountain View Community Hall. Everyone welcome. More info at 335-4423.

Nutrition Workshop

Toddler Nutrition Workshop is scheduled for Feb. 23 in the Education Room of the Didsbury Hospital. To register call Public Health Nursing at 335-7292.

Annual Meeting

Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary Annual meeting is Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. Everyone welcome.

DIDSBURY

Home Help Services

Didsbury and District Home Help Services Association looking for volunteer help with transportation, visiting, errands, light home maintenance. Please call 507-9063.

Potluck Dinner

The 5-0 Club will host a Potluck Dinner on Feb. 16 at 12:30 p.m. Meat supplied.

Beef Supper

St. Cyprians beef supper will be held Feb. 12 at the Anglican Church Hall. 5 and 6 p.m. seatings. Cost is \$10. Everyone welcome. Tickets available at the door.

DIDSBURY

Loonie Dance

The Didsbury Youth Club will host a Loonie Dance on Feb. 10 from 8-11 p.m. in the MPR for kids from Grades 5-8. Many doorprizes. Refreshments available to purchase.

OLDS

Slide Show

On Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. a Trekking in Nepal slide show will be shown at the Flames Restaurant in Olds. Coffee, dessert and slide show only \$5/person. Space available for May 2000 trek. Call Dino Siemens at 337-2084.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings at Carstairs Church of God. For info call Jean 637-3753, Darlene 946-4369 or Natalie 337-2351.

DIDSBURY

HALL WALKING

Adults are invited to walk in the Westglen School corridors from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday for fun and fitness.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting-Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265 RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Bev at 335-9803 or Kirsten 335-3370.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info. call Wes at the Town Office at 335-3391

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: As of July 1, open Saturdays 10-11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037-24 Ave. New members always welcome. Linda at 335-5868.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. We meet Monday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (excluding holidays) Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-9928.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 8:00 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Marge Steckler at 335-4281

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

DIDSBURY

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

Everyone is welcome. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. Donations are always welcome. Admission is \$2/adults and children and members free. The Museum is open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2-5 p.m. weekly and 2-4 p.m. on Saturdays during July and Aug. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info. call 335-9295 during office hours.

RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible. Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

PLAYGROUP

A non-profit, parent run, social and educational program for children 3-5 years is now accepting on-going registrations. Drop-offs available. Call 335-8039 or 335-8818.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday. For more info call 335-3146 or 335-9787.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

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SUPPORT GROUP

ADD/ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sheree 335-8612.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in education room (lower level) at Didsbury Hospital.

CREMONA

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Sunday. For more info call 337-2331

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Olds College, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Malissa at 556-8520.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at the Deer Meadow School, Olds. Contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

A.D.D. SUPPORT

Learning Disabilities Association. Support, information, workshops, seminars, resource materials, films and tapes. Meets last Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. in Room 116 at Deer Meadows School in Olds. Contact Sam at 556-7614 eves. or Susan 335-3174

SUNDRY

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

ALA Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

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